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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Discovering and Apprehending the Murderers of *William Harrison* and *Edward Simmonds*.

ANNE R.

WHereas several of the Inhabitants of the Town of Hillingdon and Uxbridge in Our County of Middlesex, have by their Petition humbly Represented unto Us, That William Harrison and Edward Simmonds were lately Barbarously Murdered, as Travelling between the said Towns, by Persons not yet discovered; and that there is great reason to suspect the said Murders were Committed by Persons Residing near the said Towns, and have humbly besought Us, That for the Discovering the said Murderers, We would be Graciously Pleased to give Our Royal Pardon to such Person who shall first make a Discovery of the Persons concerned in the said Barbarous Facts: And whereas William Perkins, Thomas Gowlet, Richard Eales and William Johnson, have been Indicted for, and thereupon Acquitted of the Murder of the said William Harrison, and the said Richard Eales, Thomas Gowlet, William Johnson, William Perkins, and Mary his Wife, and Dorcas Gowlet Widow, have been Indicted for, and thereupon Acquitted of the Robbery and Murder of the said Edward Simmonds, We out of Our Royal Inclination to Justice, and to the intent that such Horrid and Detestable Murders and Offences may be Discovered and Punished, whereby all others may be deterred from Committing such Bloody and Wicked Crimes, do, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, by this Our Royal Proclamation, Graciously Promise, That if any one of the Murderers of the said William Harrison and Edward Simmonds, or either of them, other than such Person or Persons who actually with his or their own Hands Committed the said Murder, or either of them, shall Discover the rest of the Persons concerned in the said Murders, or either of them, (being other Persons than those Indicted for, and Acquitted of the same) whereby the said Murderers, or any of them, shall be Apprehended, such Discoverer shall have Our Royal Pardon of the said Murders. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Our Justices of the Peace, and all other Our Officers, and other Our Loving Subjects, That they do use their utmost Diligence, in their several Places and Capacities, to Find out, Discover and Prosecute the Murderers of the said William Harrison and Edward Simmonds.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's* the Fourth Day of *February*, 1702. and in the First Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Port-Royal in *Jamaica*, *Dec.* 12. Rear-Admiral Bembow died here the 4th of the last Month, of the Wound he received in the late Engagement with Monsieur Du Cass. Captain Whetstone, who, since his Death, has the chief Command of the Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships in these Parts, sailed lately from hence with 12 Men of War upon some Design, which is not yet known. About a week ago Colonel Robert Daniel came to this Place from Colonel Moor, Governor of Carolina. He brings an Account, that the Governor marched from Charles-Town in Carolina with 500 Men, in order to attack a Colony of the Spaniards about 300 miles distant, called St. Augustine, near the Gulph of Florida; That he soon possessed himself of the Town, the Inhabitants deserting it, and retiring with their best Effects into a strong Castle, surrounded by a very deep and broad Moat, in which Place they had laid up Provisions enough to last them 4 Months, and that they defend themselves there very obstinately; so it being impossible to take this Castle by Storm, Colonel Moor has caused it to be blockt up, and sent Colonel Daniel hither to borrow a Mortar and some Shells to bombard it, and doubts not but he shall by that means soon force them to surrender; and this being granted him, the Colonel is to sail back again with them to morrow. If this Expedition succeeds, it will greatly contribute to the Security of our Settlements at Carolina, there being no other Place from whence they can hereafter be disturbed, except a small Settlement which the French call the Palisadoes, about 200 miles farther into the Country, to the Westward, which our Men also design to destroy. We have likewise an Account, that 9 or 10 of our small Privateers attacked a Place called Toulou, on the Continent, about 10 Leagues from Carthagena, which they took, plundered and burnt; From thence they sailed to Caledonia, went up the River Darien, and consorting with the Indians, were carried by them in 12 days March to the Gold Mines at Santa Cruz de Cana, near Santa Maria. The ninth day of their March they fell in with an Out-Guard of 10 Men, which the Spaniards had at some distance from the Place, of whom they took 9, but the other escaping, gave Notice at the Mines of their Approach; whereupon the richest of the Inhabitants retired from thence with their Money and Jewels; However our Party, which consisted of about 400 Men, being come up, took the Fort, and possessed themselves of the Mine, where there remained about 70 Negro's, whom they set to work, and continued there 21 days, in which time they got above 80 Pound weight of Gold Dust; They also found several Parcels of Plate, which the Inhabitants had buried at their leaving that Place. Our Men, at their departure, burnt all the Town except the Church, and returned to their Sloops, bringing away the Negro's. Some went further up the River in their Sloops, having a Design upon another Gold Mine called Checoa; and two of the Sloops, commanded by Captain Plowman and Captain Gandy, sailed towards Cuba, landed near Trinidado, and with 150 Men took the Town, burnt a great part of it, and brought off a very considerable Booty, wherewith they returned to this Place two days ago.

Zurich, *Jan.* 24. *N. S.* The Marquis *de Puisieux*, Ambassador from *France*, who is now at *Soleure*, has writ to this Canton, and to those of *Berne* and *Lucerne*, assuring them in the King his Master's Name, That his Forces have Orders not to attack the two Forest Towns on this side of the *Rhine*, the Country of *Frickshall*, and the City of *Constance*, provided they observe an exact Neutrality; but he complains at the same time that some Parties of the Imperial Forces have been suffered to enter into the Territory of *St. Gall*, and that the Cantons did not oppose the seizing of one *Schebinger*, a *Swiss*, living at *Constance*, whom the Imperialists put to Death for being a Spy, and conveying Intelligence between the Elector of *Bavaria* and the Marshal of *Villars*. The *French* have sent 12 Companies of Foot from the *Milanese* into the *Valteline*, being jealous that the *Grisons* might give a Passage through their Country to the Emperor's Forces.

Ratisbonne, *Febr.* 5. The Elector of *Bavaria*'s Minister here has been endeavouring, for some days past, to perswade the Diet into a Belief of the Uprightness of his Master's Intentions for the Good of the Empire, and produced a Letter from that Elector, who therein expresses a Willingness to enter into a nearer Treaty with the Diet, provided they could prevail with the Emperor to suspend the intended Expedition against him. On the first Instant the Diet took this Matter into Consideration, but their Debates were interrupted, by a Report that the Elector was then actually besieging *Newbourg*. However this not being confirmed, and the Diet being unwilling to give the Elector any Pretence to say they had slighted his Proposals of Accommodation, they met again the same evening, and drew up a Conclusion, to acquaint his Minister, That if his Master would within 14 days time restore the Towns and Places he has seized, recal all his Troops into his own Country, forbear to attack any Circle or Member of the Empire, and desist from his Enterprise against the Town of *Newbourg*, the Diet would then come to such Resolutions as would give Satisfaction to all Parties. This Conclusion was immediately delivered to the *Bavarian* Minister, who dispatched it the same evening by an Express to his Master. On the 2d Monsieur *Wurster*, Coun-